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Inventor : Michèle Amouyal Docket No.: 1231-01  
Title : CONSTRUCT OF RECOMBINANT  
: NUCLEIC ACIDS CIRCULARIZED BY Confirmation No.: 2241  
: DNA COMPACTING AGENTS  
Dated: November 14, 2003

**CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a two (2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated June 17, 2003 from September 17, 2003 to November 17, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$420.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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